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The State Board of Education Position on Mathematics for the Certificate of Academic Achievement

The State Board of Education supports keeping the current requirement to pass the 10th grade mathematics Washington Assessment for Student Learning (WASL). The Board recommends to the Legislature an additional option for students in the Classes of 2008, 2009 and 2010 who have not met standard on the 10th grade WASL:

The students in the graduating Class of 2008 must earn one additional high school mathematics credit and students in the graduating Classes of 2009 and 2010 must earn two additional high school level mathematics credits.

All students in the graduating Classes of 2008, 2009 and 2010 will be eligible for a diploma and the Certificate of Academic Achievement if they continue to earn the mathematics credits required above and continue to try to pass the mathematics WASL on a yearly basis.

The Board's support for this option depends on the adoption by the Legislature and funding of the Joint Mathematics Action Plan as the road map to strengthening the state's school system and dramatically improving mathematics achievement.

For the Classes of 2011 and beyond, students must meet the current requirement of passing the 10th grade mathematics WASL to earn the Certificate of Academic Achievement.

The Board also recommends to the Legislature the creation of a funding pool to provide incentives to schools and/or school districts that make significant gains or demonstrate exemplary performance in closing the achievement gap on the mathematics WASL over the next three years.

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